

# ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

**The First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, November 29th 2020**



Dear Friends,

I am sure you will be aware that it has been announced by our government that we are to be in a "Tier 3" area when the present national lockdown ends next week. The good news contained in this change for us as a church, is that we can once again re-open our church building for public worship. However, it is important to remember that all of the restrictions and mitigations which we had to work with prior to this lockdown will remain in place as we return to Tier 3. Therefore, as well as all the measures we have in place to maintain "hands, face, space" we shall also need to continue to ask you to notify us of your intention to attend a service, effectively to manage numbers attending. Congregational singing of any kind will also remain prohibited. We do now have clarity regarding the near future and over the next few days I will have opportunity to create an appropriate pattern of Christmas services for 2020, both physically in church and on-line.

Our first physical act of worship in church, after the current lockdown, will therefore be on Sunday, December 6th at 10.00am. Please see the usual "poster" regarding services below.

On Thursday evening we held our annual church meetings on Zoom and elected a significant number of new members to our Parochial Church Council. This should give us all encouragement going forward. As is customary, I addressed the meeting about our life as a church, reflecting on where we are presently and inviting us to consider carefully our plans for the future. Should you wish to read a copy of what I said then do please e-mail me at [frphilip@planetgray.co.uk](mailto:frphilip@planetgray.co.uk)

Finally, we have some wonderful news of the birth of the newest member of St Margaret's! Rosie Beatrice Anderson was born this week to Richard and Naomi. Congratulations to them, and to big sister, Isobel! There is a picture below for us all to enjoy.

With my love and prayers

Fr. Philip

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A warm welcome to baby Rosie Beatrice Anderson

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### **Sunday "Coffee Time"**

Please join us on Sunday, November 29th for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

**Topic: St Margaret's Coffee Meeting**

**Time: November 29th, 2020 11:30 AM London**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://zoom.us/j/7586081733?pwd=bFVnZ1dpbzFPN3h5aVpVbmJmank4QT09>**

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### **Let Us Pray**

In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in unity,  
that our praise and worship  
might echo in these walls  
and also through our lives.  
In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in mission,  
that the hope within  
might be the song we sing,  
and the melody of our lives.  
In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in service,  
that the path we follow  
might lead us from a stable  
to a glimpse of eternity. **Amen**

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## **Services on**

**Sunday 29th November**

### **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**YouTube Premiere: Sung Mass**

from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage

**Due to government restrictions on public worship there is no service in church on Sunday, November 29th**

**Sunday 6th December**

### **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**10.00am Mass in Church**

Sung Mass by Choir

Booking is essential through the Parish Office  
stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

This service will NOT be live-streamed

**10:30am YouTube Premiere: Sung Mass**

from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage



**With Vicar  
Canon Philip Gray**

Live Services available on Facebook and YouTube  
Search for @StMargaretsChurchIlkley

**Private Prayer at St. Margaret's**

**Monday to Thursday**

**9.30am - 11.30am**

St Margaret's continues to be open for individual private prayer on Monday to Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 11.30am.

Please use hand sanitizer when you enter and leave church and take responsibility for your own social distancing. Please also pick up one of the "Please clean me" notices on entering church. We kindly ask you to leave this notice on your seat when you leave church.

We wish to keep the church as a place of quiet. Any social conversations should take place away from the Church and its grounds. There will be no hymn books or prayer books or other cards available, so if you would like any prayer resources please bring those with you and take them away similarly.

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**Annual Parish Meetings**

**Election Results**

Thank you to everyone who attended the APCM by Zoom or by dialling into the meeting on Thursday evening. The following people were elected:

**Churchwarden**

Helen Buswell  
Alison Stretton

**Deanery Synod**

Gwyneth Hartley  
Judith Smith

**PCC**

Catherine Beaumont  
Rosalind Beeson  
Catherine Cheater  
Bethany Harrison  
Helen Pilling  
Carmel Ramage???  
Richard Smeaton  
Michelle Still  
Sarah Williams  
Tom Williams  
Adam Wilson????

Thank you. Catherine Webster, PCC Secretary

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## **Five Guiding Principles and Vacancy Processes in the Church of England**

At the meeting with our Patron and Bishop Toby on Monday, November 23rd, Archdeacon Andy Jolley mentioned that he would make available his notes on the Five Guiding Principles and the vacancy process. These have now been circulated to the members of the PCC. If anyone else would like a copy, please contact Vickie at [stmargaretschurhpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurhpa@gmail.com) and she will forward them to you.

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### **Advent Readings**

#### **Freedom is coming: From Advent to Epiphany with the prophet Isaiah by Nick Baines**

The second part of the book of Isaiah rings with proclamations and prophecies that find their fulfilment in the Gospels and are still being fulfilled by followers of Jesus today.

Freedom is coming! The title is confident, and indicates the author's own conviction that the Christian message of hope will transcend the current fragmentation and cultural malaise of our society. Bishop Nick Baines has produced an interesting and original series of reflections designed to take us through the hectic six weeks of Advent to Epiphany, using the prophecies of Isaiah.

<https://transformingministry.co.uk/2019/12/15/book-review-freedom-is-coming/>

#### **Let it Slow by Stephen Cottrell**

Christmas is one of the most joyful times of year, and it can also be one of the most stressful. It comes laden with expectations and, for many, overshadowed by difficult memories and emotions. If every other day of the year has us running in different directions, driven by the bleeping demands of our phones and devices, Christmas makes us run faster still.

This understanding and uplifting book offers another way to approach Christmas and to discover how its joys and promises can restore our lives, not add to their burdens.

You are invited to take a few minutes each day during December to join in a conversation with bestselling author, Stephen Cottrell, who offers simple reflections and practical suggestions for making your Christmas the celebration it is meant to be.

<https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/books/9781781402092/let-it-slow>

#### **Paths to Christ: Love God, Love my Neighbour, Hunger for Justice by Professor Maurice Mullard**

A lay person's journey, named Paths to Christ in the plural because each of us is on a unique journey. Jesus spoke to us in parables so that each of us hears the story in that a way that resonates with our biography, but also that the word is aimed at a universal community. A spiritual journey that will help the reader better understand how to read the Gospels.

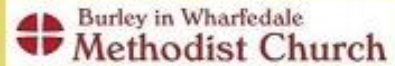
<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Paths-Christ-Neighbour-Hunger-Justice-ebook/dp/B08LZLNHHS>





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## Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal

Providing practical support and showing we care this Christmas

For many people in our region, including many asylum seekers and refugees, providing food for their families is a daily struggle, this year more than ever.

### How you can help

Take a strong, sealable cardboard box, and each day of advent put one essential food or hygiene item into your box. By Christmas Eve, your box will be full to the brim with 24 items.

All of the boxes we receive will be distributed to people who need it most by a range of local organisations.



#### Suggested items:

Flour / Sugar / Rice / Couscous / Pulses / Tinned fruit and vegetables / Toilet Roll / Cereals / Instant Coffee / Tinned meat and fish / Dried Fruit & Nuts / Chocolate / Condiments / Long life milk & juice / Cooking Oil / Shampoo / Tea / Toothpaste & brushes / Deodorant / Sanitary products / Laundry detergent

*Please no porridge oats, pork or baked beans*

#### TOP TIPS!

- Please ensure each item has at least 3 months' shelf life, is in sealed packaging and can be stored at room temperature
- Try to include a range of different size and weight items
- 2 smaller boxes may be better than 1 big one
- Please include 2 heavy duty bags-for-life in your box so the contents can be carried home on public transport

#### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- To try to minimise the risk of Covid-19:
- Boxes should be dropped off with our volunteers outside the church building
  - Please do not bring your box if you have any symptoms
  - We will quarantine the boxes for 36-48hrs before delivery
  - If lockdown rules change it may not be possible to deliver the boxes, in which case we may unfortunately have to cancel the appeal. We'll provide updates on Facebook and on the Methodist Church noticeboard outside church.

To donate your filled box, seal it up and bring it to Burley Methodist Church on:

**Saturday 2nd  
January 2021**

**9am – 1pm  
and  
2pm – 7pm**

Thank you for your support. Follow [Wharfedale Refugee Response](#) on Facebook for news and updates

## Practical Support and Help

**Ilkley and District Good Neighbours** provides a range of support and practical help during coronavirus to include shopping, a regular phone call, collecting prescriptions and other help needed. For more information go to <http://info@goodneighboursilkley.org.uk>

**Ilkley Corona Response Group (ICRG)** can be contacted via the Bradford Hub on 01274 431000, or use the online form at <https://bit.ly/ilkleycorona>

**Ilkley Library.** To reserve books from the online catalogue and for the Home Library Service – [ilkley.library@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:ilkley.library@bradford.gov.uk) 01943 436225

**Ilkley Chat** provides the latest news affecting Ilkley as a result of COVID-19 <https://www.ilkleychat.co.uk/coronavirus> This link also provides details of **food delivery services** offered by supermarkets. Contact Alison Stretton on 01943 430024 or Vickie Kemp at [stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com) for more information.

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**During this difficult time it is important to keep in touch with friends. Please do feel you can call a member of our church family who will be pleased to hear from you.**

Fr Philip	01943 607210
Fr Bernard	01943 816253
Fr Godfrey	01943 603861
Jane Sheldon	01943 431288
Helen Buswell	01943 608146
Linda Whittaker	01943 601144

**Daily Hope, is a 24 hour free phone line for Christian worship and prayer.  
Call 0800 804 8044**